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Thanks.

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Eco-Tech is finalizing the update to the Seven Hills Aquatic Assessment Report. Similar to previous findings - low quality. This will be submitted to the Corps in the next day or so. Here is the concluding paragraph.

Ok to forward.

## 5. CONCLUSION

Streams within the project area display several indicators of disturbance and poor water

quality. They have been subject to channelization and show very little development of

instream habitat and stable substrate. Water quality measurements show significant stressors

to aquatic life in the form of high dissolved solids and low dissolved oxygen. Fish and

macroinvertebrate communities at all sites reflect a very tolerant aquatic

assemblage that is

adapted to low gradient streams with inadequate habitat and water quality issues.

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